

ATTACHMENT B

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit for eggs or similar fragile articles, ~~said unit being made of an opaque material, e.g. moulded pulp and said packaging unit comprising:~~

~~_____ a bottom part (2) comprising non-planar nonplanar side surfaces of compartments (4) so as to which match at least partially the outer contours of the eggs contained within said unit; and~~

~~—a _____ a cover part (3) comprising a top surface (10) and substantially planar front-front and rear-surfaces (14, 15); side surfaces, and substantially planar opposing end faces, where said cover part (3) comprises comprising portions (8) reflecting being adapted to match the shape of the eggs contained within said unit, said portions (8) being located on at least one of the planar end faces substantially planar end faces (20) of said cover part (3) at either one or both longitudinal ends of the cover part (3), said portions matching the shape of the eggs contained within the unit, wherein the shape is formed as portions of a three-dimensional object defined by a two-dimensional object being rotated about an axis of revolution substantially normal to said top surface of the cover part.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, where said portions (8) reflecting the shape of the eggs each comprises substantially a quarter of the total surface area of the corresponding egg.

3. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, ~~where said substantially planar surfaces of the cover part (3) comprising said portions (8) reflecting the shape of the eggs contained in the unit are wherein~~ one or

more of the surfaces comprising said top surface (10), front surface (14) and rear surface (15) comprise the portions adapted to match the shape of the eggs contained in the unit.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said nonplanar side surfaces of the bottom part (3) are shaped as a portion of the surface of an egg.

6. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 5, wherein said nonplanar side surfaces of the bottom part (3) are formed as portions of ~~solids of revolution with a three-dimensional object defined by a two-dimensional object being rotated about~~ an axis of revolution substantially coinciding with said axis of revolution of said portions (8) adapted to match the shape of the eggs in the cover part (3).

7. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said egg-shaped portions of the cover part (3) continues continue in said corresponding egg-shaped portions of the bottom part (2), the corresponding portions in the cover part (3) and in the bottom part (2) thereby forming matching a continuous portion of the surface of an egg.

8. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said egg-shaped portions (8) located at one of the planar end faces longitudinal end or both longitudinal ends planar end faces of the cover part (3) together with the corresponding egg-shaped portions in the bottom part (2) correspond to a major portion of the surface of an egg.

9. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 8, ~~wherein~~ said major portion of the surface of an egg constitutes not less than approximately 60% of the total surface of an egg.

10. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ said cover part ~~(3)~~ on those portions ~~(8)~~ hereof which are formed to ~~reflect~~ match the eggs in the unit, has a different surface structure than the remaining portions of the cover part.

11. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 10, ~~wherein~~ said surface structure is relatively smooth and the surface structure of the remaining surfaces of the unit is relatively coarse.

12. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 10, ~~wherein~~ said surface structure is relatively coarse and the surface structure of the remaining surfaces of the unit is relatively smooth.

13. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ said bottom part ~~(2)~~ on those portions hereof, which are formed to match the contours of the eggs in the unit, has a different surface structure than the remaining portions of the cover part.

14. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 13, ~~wherein~~ said surface structure is relatively smooth and the surface structure of the remaining surfaces of the unit is relatively coarse.

15. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 13, ~~wherein~~ said surface structure is relatively coarse and the surface structure of the remaining surfaces of the unit is relatively smooth.

16. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ said cover part ~~(3)~~ on the planar front side ~~(14)~~ hereof is provided with at least one opening ~~(9)~~ for engagement with one or more protrusions ~~(7)~~ provided on said bottom part ~~(2)~~.

17. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, ~~wherein~~ said engagement between the one or more protrusions ~~(7)~~ and corresponding openings ~~(9)~~ is a tight engagement around the complete circumference of the protrusion ~~(7)~~.

18. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, ~~wherein~~ the shape of said openings ~~(9)~~ and corresponding protrusions ~~(7)~~ substantially correspond to a longitudinal cross-section through an egg.

19. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, ~~wherein~~ the outer surface of said protrusions ~~(7)~~ is substantially planar.

20. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, ~~wherein~~ said outer surface of the protrusions ~~(7)~~ is flush with said front surface ~~(14)~~ of the cover part ~~(3)~~.

21. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, ~~wherein~~ the lower edge portion of said protrusions ~~(7)~~ is flush with said front surface ~~(14)~~ and where the upper edge portion of said protrusions ~~(7)~~ extends outwardly relative to the front surface ~~(14)~~.

22. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ said top surface ~~(10)~~ and/or said front surface ~~(14)~~ and/or said rear surface ~~(15)~~ of the cover part ~~(3)~~ is/are provided with graphical and/or pictorial information and/or embossing.

23. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said outer surface of the protrusions (7) is provided with graphical and/or pictorial information and/or embossing.

24. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said bottom part (2) and said cover part (3) are connected to each other by means of a hinge portion (12) extending along one edge portion of the interface between said bottom and cover parts (2, 3).

25 (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein the interface between said cover part (3) and said bottom part (2) inclines downwardly from the rear side of the package packaging unit to the front side hereof, thus yielding a higher front side (14) of the cover part (3) than rear side (15) of the cover part.

26. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 25, wherein said interface is curved.

27. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein the lower edge of said front surface (14) of the cover part (3) is curved in a downward direction beneath the interface between said cover part (3) and said bottom part (2) for extension of the area of the front surface (14) and for facilitating opening of the unit.

28. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 27, wherein the downward extension of the front surface (14) covers up to the total height of the bottom part (2).

29. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said bottom part (2) on the under side (18) hereof is provided with a pattern of supporting ribs (11) connecting base portions (19) of the egg-shaped

compartments (4) in the bottom part (2), whereby the mechanical strength of the unit is increased.

30. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 29, ~~wherein~~ said base portions (18) and said supporting ribs (19) define a substantially planar surface for placement of the unit.

31. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 29, ~~wherein~~ said base portions (18) and said supporting ribs (19) define a surface for placement of the unit, the central portions of which surface are elevated with respect to the peripheral portions hereof.

32. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ said one or more protrusions (7) are provided on a flexible flap (6) placed along one upper edge portion of the bottom part (2).

33. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 32, ~~wherein~~ portions of said flexible flap (6) are formed such that they constitute a part of the walls of adjacent compartments (4).

34. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 18, ~~wherein~~ the size of said planar face of the protrusions approximately corresponds to the size of the ~~fingertip~~ tip of a thumb.

35. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 18, ~~wherein~~ the size of said planar face of the protrusions is within the range (20 mm to 30 mm) x (15 mm to 20 mm).

36. (Currently amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ said unit is formed as one integrated unit in one material.

37. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ said compartments-(4) of the bottom part-(2) and said corresponding portions-(8) of the cover part-(3) ~~reflecting~~ match the shape of the eggs in the unit define internal surfaces in the unit, which surfaces correspond to a portion of the total surface of an egg.

38. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 37, ~~wherein~~ said internal surfaces in the unit correspond to at least 60% of the surface of an egg.

39. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 37, ~~wherein~~ said compartments-(4) are furthermore provided with support structures-(26) for the ends of the eggs-(25) in the compartments.